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Man faces rape charges

By GateHouse News Service

A Duxbury man has been charged with indecent assault and battery on a person under 14 and three counts of forcible child rape after alleged assaults on two young girls.

Scott Bone, 51, was arrested June 14 by Duxbury police and pleaded not guilty Monday in Plymouth District Court. Bone posted \$50,000 cash bail, though that amount was later reduced to \$1,000 by Judge Thomas Brownell. He is due back in court for a pretrial hearing July 28.

In July 2006, Bone allegedly repeatedly assaulted a then-9-year-old girl as she slept over at his family's Duxbury house, police said. Years earlier, in the summer of 2000 or 2001, Bone allegedly inappropriately touched that girl's older sister, then 10 or 11, while the two were on a motorboat in Duxbury Bay, according to police.

Bone's attorney, Richard Egbert of Boston, said Tuesday the allegations against Bone are false.

"They have no basis in fact. They are conjured up by persons who have an ax to grind with Scott," Egbert said. "Scott Bone is one of the most decent, wonderful citizens, and he will be totally vindicated."

Bone has lived in Duxbury with his wife Liz since 1986. The couple has two children.

Egbert pointed to "an incredible outpouring of families, friends,

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neighbors who have come to the absolute conclusion that (Bone) never could have done anything like this and will stand by him 100 percent."

Bone is "a wonderful per-

son" and "a great father," said Duxbury resident and businesswoman Anne Antonellis.

"Just because someone charges you with something doesn't mean you're guilty," she said.

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